



RIALTO FIRE LINE

A Monthly Report of Rialto Fire, EMS, and Public Safety Services

Rialto Firefighters Provide Training to Telacu Residents

Rialto Firefighters conducted a safety orientation drill at the Telacu Senior Housing Complex on February 20th. The goal of the drill was to provide information to the residents about evacuation routes and work with the facility staff to ensure they are prepared for a fire. Captain Gardiner provided the residents with tips on being prepared for emergencies that may require evacuation. He reminded the residents to make sure they are aware of the pre-designated escape routes and meeting locations in the building.

Fire Prevention staff were on hand to provide additional support to the facility staff. After the orientation, the residents returned to their rooms and a "mock" fire drill was performed. The residents exited their rooms and followed the designated exit routes to the safe areas. Overall, it was a very good drill and the residents were very appreciative of the support and information they received from the Rialto Fire Department.

Early warning (typically through an alarm or voice communication system), adequate means of egress (exit routes) and occupant familiarity with the plan through knowledge and practice are the key points to survivability– NFPA

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Rialto Firefighters Recognized at City Council Meeting

On Tuesday, February 26th, members of the Rialto Fire Department were recognized for saving the life of a Rialto Resident last year. The rapid response coupled with the advanced training of the firefighters resulted in a positive outcome for the patient. Although the firefighters view this as “just doing their job”, they appreciated the opportunity to meet the gentleman they positively impacted over a year ago. The Rialto Fire Department takes great pride in their Emergency Medical Operations and continues to improve the service delivery for the residents of Rialto.



RFD Pays Respects to Fallen Officer Jeremiah McKay



On February 21st Rialto Firefighters joined police and fire agencies from throughout the region in paying tribute to fallen San Bernardino Sheriff Officer Jeremiah McKay as the funeral procession made its way to the memorial site. The Rialto Fire Department sends its most sincere sympathy and respect to Officer McKay's Family.

Rialto Firefighters Assist RAMROD Park with Emergency Supplies

On February 15th, the crew on Medic Engine 201 assisted residents at Ram Rod Mobile Home Park in changing out their emergency water supply. Disaster preparation is key to surviving on your own during a regional emergency such as an earthquake or flood. Maintaining enough clean water on hand to use during such an event is crucial, as there may be a disruption in the city's water system and other utilities. Ram Rod residents show they are dedicated in doing their part in being prepared with help from the RFD!



The Rialto Fire Department Recommends The Family Supply List:

Emergency Supplies:

Water, food, and clean air are important things to have if an emergency happens. Each family or individual's kit should be customized to meet specific needs, such as medications and infant formula. It should also be customized to include important family documents.

Recommended Supplies to Include in a Basic Kit:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert, and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First Aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Infant formula and diapers, if you have an infant
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Dust mask or cotton t-shirt, to help filter the air
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)

Structure Fire at 253 E. Baseline

On February 2nd, at 8:10am, Rialto Fire crews responded to a structure fire at 253 E. Baseline. On arrival, firefighters found a moderate smoke condition inside a Laundromat. Fire personnel gained entry and found one of the dryers on fire with no involvement to adjacent equipment or structure. The fire was contained and extinguished without causing further damage. Rialto Fire investigation personnel determined the possible cause of the fire to be excessive lint accumulation, causing the equipment to overheat.

Critical Incident Stress Debriefing

On February 6th, Rialto Firefighter Rudy Delgado participated in a critical incident stress debriefing at Immanuel Baptist Church in Highland. This event was in response to the recent bus crash in Mentone on Highway 38 in which 8 people died and 38 were injured. Local fire, law enforcement, and EMS agencies responded to this incident utilizing numerous rescue personnel who were charged with the grim task of covering the deceased and patient care of the injured. This "critical incident" prompted the assistance of trained, peer support personnel to provide counseling and guidance to first responders involved in this incident. This event allowed emergency workers to share thoughts, seek clarity of the event, and to get an understanding of normal human responses to abnormal traumatic events while learning positive coping mechanisms. As a trained, Critical Incident Stress Debriefing peer counselor, Firefighter Delgado answered the call to help his fellow emergency workers. Thanks Rudy!

Structure Fire at 320 S. Riverside (Tacos Mexico)

On February 19th, at 10:00pm, Rialto firefighters responded to a structure fire at 320 S. Riverside (Tacos Mexico). On arrival, fire personnel found a moderate smoke condition coming from the roof of the restaurant. Access was made to the roof where fire was found to be burning in a corner wall and roof area. The fire was quickly extinguished, preventing further spread throughout the structure. The cause of the fire was determined to be electrical in nature.

During the month of February, Rialto Fire personnel completed 965 hours of training. Topics covered during the month of December:

- Pediatric Airway Management
- Confined Space Emergencies
- Alternative Fuel Vehicles
- Auto Extrication
- Urban Search and Rescue

Foam 201 Training

Station 201 “A” shift personnel recently conducted a training drill utilizing Foam 201. This specialized unit, which carries 700 gallons of foam concentrate, is capable of handling flammable fires at fixed facilities such as our petroleum tank farm in the south end of the city or anywhere a flammable liquid spill or fire may occur. This piece of apparatus was used last year on the I10 Freeway where thousands of gallons of gasoline were spilled from a transport tanker truck involved in a traffic accident. The foam was used to cover the spill which helps to prevent ignition of the flammable vapors. Periodic training on this apparatus is essential to maintaining firefighting skills and practicing operational set up for use on these types of incidents.



Number of Re inspections	14 properties
Number of Units re inspected	856 units
Number of new inspections	49 properties
Number of units invoiced and inspected	728
Total dollar amount invoiced	\$40, 040

Fire prevention has been participating in the planning of the new city brochure. It is a perfect opportunity to get our safety messages out and fire department information to the public. All the information has been submitted to the parks and recreation department. The new brochure is scheduled to be out in mid- April.

Fire prevention along with suppression, conducted a fire drill at Telacu Tierra Serrano. The fire fighters educated the residents on escape routes, meeting areas and general fire safety precautions. The drill went well, however the fire department will do a follow up drill in 30 days. The more the residents practice, the more comfortable they will be with the process.

Planning

The Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) update has been completed and preparations are being made to have Council adopt the plan. The HMP is a federal requirement that seeks to ensure local municipalities engage in a planning process to prevent damage from earthquakes, floods and wildfires before they occur. The HMP is required to be eligible for any type of pre/post disaster grant funds. The recently update plan did not contain any significant changes from the 2004 plan

The Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) has been returned from the consultant hired by the San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services with only minor changes recommended. Those changes are being made and it is anticipated that the plan will be sent to the state for review at the end of March

The Fire Department received new SCBA bottles and a Thermal Imaging Camera. This equipment was purchased from the 2010 Homeland Security Grant.

The City Council accepted the 2012 EMPG Award; this award was approximately \$26,000 and will go towards the purchase of new portable radios for field use and Audio/Visual equipment that will improve the capabilities of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

Fire department and Public Works staff have coordinated on projects to improve operations at the fire stations: air quality testing for the fire stations is currently underway and a new company to maintain the emergency generators has been hired - this will ensure that the fire stations (and other critical city facilities) will have emergency back-up power in the event of a wide-spread power outage in the city.

A recruitment for the position of Fire - Engineer has begun and the testing process for this promotional opportunity will be in March.

Response Statistics (February 1— February 28)

FIRES – 21

RESCUE/ EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE INCIDENTS – 519

HAZARDOUS CONDITION (NO FIRE) – 8

SERVICE CALL – 100

FALSE ALARM/ FALSE CALL – 17

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE– 665